

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend claim 13 as indicated below.

Please cancel claims 3-12 and 14.

Please add new claims 15-20 as presented below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): A clamping spring device for an elastic clamp for attaching at least one electrical conductor, comprising:

a support ~~including~~ defining a hole, an edge of the hole forming a freestanding edge; and

a clamping leg disposed at an end of a spring leg, the clamping leg projecting toward the support at an acute angle so as to form a receiving space between the clamping leg and the support, the receiving space narrowing in a conductor insertion direction from a conductor insertion side toward a clamping point and being configured to receive the at least one electrical conductor inserted in a lengthwise direction of the at least one electrical conductor, the clamping leg including a clamping edge on a face thereof so as to be capable of clamping the at least one electrical conductor between the clamping edge and the support at the clamping point in a clamping position;

wherein, in the clamping position, the clamping leg is offset from the freestanding edge in the conductor insertion direction so that, when clamped, the at least one electrical conductor is bent around the freestanding edge so as to provide an interlocking effect;

wherein a second edge of the hole opposite the freestanding edge forms a second freestanding edge, and wherein, in the clamping position, the clamping edge is aligned with a central portion of the hole so that, when clamped, the at least one electrical conductor is bent around the second freestanding edge.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (new)        The clamping spring device as recited in claim 13 wherein the freestanding edge projects toward the clamping leg.

Claim 16 (new):       The clamping spring device as recited in claim 13 wherein the support includes a tongue having a free end cut and bent out of a plane of the support, the freestanding edge projecting from the tongue.

Claim 17 (new):       The clamping spring device as recited in claim 13 wherein the clamping edge defines an indentation configured to partially encircle the at least one electrical conductor when clamped.

Claim 18 (new):       A clamping spring device for an elastic clamp for attaching at least one electrical conductor, comprising:

         a support defining a hole, an edge of the hole forming a freestanding edge; and  
         a clamping leg disposed at an end of a spring leg, the clamping leg projecting toward the support at an acute angle so as to form a receiving space between the clamping leg and the support, the receiving space narrowing in a conductor insertion direction from a conductor insertion side toward a clamping point and being configured to receive the at least one electrical conductor inserted in a lengthwise direction of the at least one electrical conductor, the clamping leg including a clamping edge on a face thereof so as to be capable of clamping the at least one electrical conductor between the clamping edge and the support at the clamping point in a clamping position;

         wherein, in the clamping position, the clamping leg is offset from the freestanding edge in the conductor insertion direction so that, when clamped, the at least one electrical conductor is bent around the freestanding edge so as to provide an interlocking effect;

         wherein a second edge of the hole opposite the freestanding edge forms a second freestanding edge, and wherein, in the clamping position, the clamping edge is aligned with the hole so that, when clamped, the at least one electrical conductor is bent around the second freestanding edge.

Claim 19 (new)        The clamping spring device as recited in claim 18 wherein the freestanding edge projects toward the clamping leg.

Claim 20 (new)        The clamping spring device as recited in claim 18 wherein the clamping edge defines an indentation configured to partially encircle the at least one electrical conductor when clamped.